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THE BAHAMAS

1. GOF ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MEXICO AND THE BAHAMAS. REGARDING MEXICO, SPOKESMAN SAID MEXICO HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION IT WOULD ACCREDIT AMBASSADOR TO FIJI, NOR DOES FIJI PLAN TO ACCREDIT AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. HE NOTED FIJI AND MEXICO ENJOYED CORDIAL RELATIONS AT UN WHERE MEXICO HAS SUPPORTED FIJI IN PAST, PARTICULARLY IN OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR TESTING IN PACIFIC. REGARDING BAHAMAS, THERE IS NO PLAN FOR AN EXCHANGE OF HIGH COMMISSIONERS. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT BAHAMAS IS FIRST CARIBBEAN COUNTRY WITH WHOM FIJI HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. WITH THESE TWO ADDITION, FIJI NOW HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 31 COUNTRIES. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN NEAR FUTURE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TURKEY.
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